

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-14 remain in the application. Claim 14 has been amended. Claims 1-10 have been previously withdrawn from consideration.

In item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claim 14 has been objected to because of informalities.

The indication of the informalities is appreciated. All limitations relating to the informalities have been deleted.

In item 3 on page 2 of the Office action, claim 14 has been rejected as being anticipated by Lee et al. (5,614,855) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claim 14 has been amended to recite: said circuit designed for changing a phase regulation direction of the phase shifter at predetermined switching points based on an input signal, the changing over of the phase regulation direction being performed with a hysteresis behavior.

Lee et al. do not teach the added limitation.

Support for the changes can be found by referring to claim 13.

Claims 11-13 have been allowed.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 14.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claim 14 is solicited.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider entering claims 1-10 back into the case.

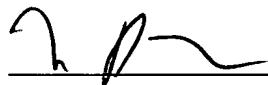
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, he is respectfully requested to telephone counsel so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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